

TWO DEATHS FOLLOW POOLROOM EXPLOSION

Hot Springs Authorities Make Rig-
id Investigation to Place
the Blame.

SCENE OF WRECK IS GUARDED.

Ben Murray, Driver of the Gaso-
line Wagon, Makes a State-
ment in Jail Explaining
Cause of Disaster.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.
Hot Springs, Ark., Dec. 25.—William Helwig and Joe Kerner died during the night of injuries sustained in the explosion which wrecked the Tarr Exchange poolroom yesterday. Both were residents of Hot Springs.

Four more victims are hovering between life and death.

Investigation was begun to-day over the body of Helwig, and it developed that the officers are going to make a thorough investigation into the disaster and place the blame where it lays.

Officers were stationed about the wreck at once after the explosion, and they have kept all parties away since. To-day two men arrived from Little Rock and wanted the privilege of taking out some pipes from the wreck, but Mayor Helwig refused the request, stating that he would not allow anything to be done until representatives of the oil company, the light company and the prosecuting attorney could go over the scene together.

The final verdict of the inquest was postponed until witnesses could arrive from the oil company, the light company and the prosecuting attorney. The oil company, it is held in custody.

Mr. C. Chambers, who was so mangled in the wreck, is in attendance in the hospital, and does not offer encouragement for his recovery.

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GAVE UP POSITION AFTER LONG SERVICE

Edwin Dunlop, Superintendent of
St. Louis Terminal Railway
Association, Resigned.

FELT HE NEEDED A REST.

Several Names Mentioned for the
Place, Which Will Become
Vacant on the First of
Next Month.

The resignation of Edwin Dunlop, superintendent of the St. Louis Terminal Railway Association, was handed in Saturday. The resignation is to become effective the first of next month and was accepted with regret by the officers.

Mr. Dunlop has been connected with the association for the last twenty-three years in capacities varying from switchman to his present position, which he has occupied for the last seven years.

In speaking of his resignation, Mr. Dunlop said that he felt that he needed a rest.

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CHRISTMAS GIFT FROM CARNEGIE FOR JERSEYVILLE'S FREE LIBRARY

Founders increases his donation from \$10,000 to \$12,000 as a Christmas gift to the Illinois town.

CARNEGIE LIBRARY AT JERSEYVILLE.

Jerseyville, Ill., received a Christmas present from Andrew Carnegie yesterday in the way of an increase in his donation for the new Carnegie library. The increase was from \$10,000 to \$12,000. It came unsolicited from the Library Board and was in the nature of a surprise to the members.

Doctor H. R. Giddell, secretary of the Carnegie Library Board, received a letter from Andrew Carnegie yesterday in which the increase was announced. The letter stated that the Carnegie Library Board had decided to increase his gift \$2,000.

The increase was made after the needs and growth of the city had been investigated, and upon the provision that the City of Jerseyville should increase its annual appropriation from \$1,000 to \$1,200 for the library's support.

A meeting of the Library Board was called yesterday morning immediately after the receipt of the letter and the appropriation was accepted. Mayor George D. Locke was informed of the offer and issued a call for a special meeting of the City Council for this evening.

Mayor Locke said yesterday that the resolution immediately adopted by the City Council was to accept the offer and issue a call for a special meeting of the City Council for this evening.

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GOOD STORIES

By Writers of Eminence.

The Sunday Republic Magazine's FICTION NUMBER
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Amelia Barr,
Carmen Sylva,
Frank H. Spearman,
Charles Theodore Murray,
Robert Barr,
Josephine Dodge Daskam,
Richard Harding Davis,
Are among
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EAST SIDE NEWS.

CHRISTMAS CHEER FOR THE POOR.
Salvation Army and Other Organizations.

The Salvation Army at Alton served a Christmas dinner yesterday to 200 of the poor of the city.

The dinner, which is an annual event of the Alton post, was served in the army's barracks yesterday afternoon.

The supplies were contributed by the Sunday school, the church, the pupils of the public schools and the general public. Several Alton churches also made special contributions to the poor of the city.

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